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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support characterized by the following elements:

a base knitted fabric warp knitted from main stitch yarns;

main elastic yarns, of which single fiber fineness is 1000 to approximately 4000 dtex and of which stress at 10% elongation is more than 0.1 cN/dtex, knitted in the base knitted fabric in continuous line in a selected one of the knitting width direction and the knitting length direction;

main inserted yarns knitted in the base knitted fabric in continuous line in a selected one of the knitting width direction and the knitting length direction; ~~and~~

said main inserted yarns being more bulky than both said main elastic yarns and main ~~inserted~~ stitch yarns, and said main inserted yarns being visually apparently thicker in apparent as an observed value of the thickness of the yarn than both said main elastic yarns and said main stitch yarns; and

the surface of the main inserted yarns being composed of multiple fibers, the total fineness of the main stitch yarn being less than one half of the total fineness of the main elastic yarn.

2 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

on the base knitted fabric, there are formed openings which are larger than the needle loop formed from

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main stitch yarn and which extend over plural knitting courses; and

the base knitted fabric being formed with a mesh surface configuration.

Claims 3-13 (canceled).

14 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, wherein the main inserted yarn is chenille yarn which is formed with axis yarns and pile fibers for covering the axis yarns, and wherein said pile fibers project from the axis yarns.

15 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, wherein the main stitch yarn is comprised of a thermo-adhesive sheath core combination ~~having a~~ of polyether-ester elastic yarn which is ~~made~~ comprised of polyether-ester polymer applied to said ~~thermo-adhesive core, the component polymer and thermo-adhesive polymer applied to said sheath component polymer which has a~~ melting point ~~of the sheath component polymer~~ being lower than the core component polymer.

16 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, said main elastic yarn is comprised of thermo-adhesive sheath core combination of polyether-ester elastic yarn which is ~~made~~ comprised of polyether-ester elastic polymer applied to the core component polymer and thermo-adhesive polymer, ~~wherein the melting point of the applied to said sheath component polymer is~~ which has a melting point lower than the core component polymer.

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17 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fineness of plurality of the main elastic yarns which is included within ~~the~~ a unit distance ~~(1 cm)~~ in the knitting length direction or in the knitting width direction is more than 7000 dtex/cm.

18 (currently amended). A warp knitted elastic fabric for a cushioning surface of a body support as set forth in claim 1, wherein the main elastic yarn and the main inserted yarn are knitted in courses different from the courses of the base knitted fabric, the base knitted fabric being knitted with plural courses per one repeat in the knitting length direction ~~respectively the different course of the base knitted fabric.~~